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Job Losses in IT Sector
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state: -
(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn towards the slow digitisation and job losses in the IT sector, if so, the details of jobs being provided in IT Sector presently and the reasons for slow down in job growth in IT Sector;
(b) whether the Government has assessed the number of people who have been rendered jobless in the IT Sector and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is planning to convene a meeting of bigwigs of the tech industry to get an outlook on the sector and the help that they need from the Government to expand India's digital economy and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the other corrective steps taken by the Government to arrest job losses in the IT Sector;
(e) whether the information technology sector has been providing employment to 40 lakh persons on an average annually; and
(f) if so, the facts in this regard and the current status thereof ?

Answer

(a) and (b): According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the IT-ITeS industry is estimated to employ nearly 39 lakh people in 2017, an addition of ~170,000 people over FY 2016. There is a continuing trend of gentle deceleration in net hiring growth rate (but with a growing base) as industry focuses on innovation, new digital technologies and enhanced efficiencies. Companies are re-aligning and re-adjusting themselves to the changing business scenarios and adjusting their workforce accordingly. Additionally, technologies such as advanced robotics and automation are changing job roles drastically across industries.

(c) and (d): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has already conducted a high level round table discussion on 16-06-2017 with bigwigs of the IT-ITeS industry for developing the roadmap for one trillion dollar digital economy of India.

(e) and (f): According to NASSCOM, employment to 40 lakh persons on an average annually by the IT industry is not tracked. However, the industry is estimated to employ nearly 39 lakh people currently, an addition of ~170,000 people over FY 2016. The trend over the last 3 years is as follows:

Year Number of Total employees Net addition during the year Growth in Total employees
FY2014-15 3,485,000 217,000 7%
FY2015-16 3,688,000 203,000 6%
FY2016-17 3,863,000 175,000 5%
Source: NASSCOM
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